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Ref: 8P-W-UIC

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Attn: Alisia Duganz  
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Bozeman, Montana 59771

Re: FOIA Request EPA-R8-2015-008744

Dear Ms. Duganz:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request EPA-R8-2015-008744 submitted on July 7, 2015, regarding "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program for Class II wells in and around the City of Poplar, Montana, and the Northwest and East Poplar Oil Fields near Poplar, Montana. We are asking for records between the years 1940 and the present. Copies or records reflecting any permits issued, corresponding permit applications, permit conditions, and recordkeeping records set forth in 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.31–.55. The request also includes copies of other records, information, or requirements maintained pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Chapter I, Subchapter D, Part 144, including §§ 144.17, 144.26–.28. Additionally request all EPA Form 7520s submitted to the EPA from a well owner/operator, the State of Montana, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Peck Agency, or any EPA Form 7520s submitted by the EPA to a well owner/operator, the State of Montana or the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Peck Agency concerning the locations and time period set forth above."

On July 31, 2015, the FOIA Office emailed you and requested approval of the fee limit from \$500.00 to \$1,600.00. In addition, the FOIA Office requested an extension of 45 business days to scan and review all responsive documents. On September 10, 2015, you emailed us to confirm your request to withdraw your FOIA request.

If this is incorrect, please notify our offices and we will reopen the request and process it once we receive approval of the fee limit increase. If you wish to pursue obtaining the information in the future, please, submit a new FOIA request at: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov>. Otherwise no further action is necessary. Since the cost for providing this information does not meet our billing threshold, there is no charge.

Under the FOIA, you have the right to appeal this determination to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), email: [foia\\_hq@epa.gov](mailto:foia_hq@epa.gov). Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar-day limit. The appeal letter should include the

FOIA number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions concerning the provided information, please contact Craig Boomgaard at [Boomgaard.Craig@epa.gov](mailto:Boomgaard.Craig@epa.gov) or by calling (303) 312-6794.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Darcy O'Connor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Darcy O'Connor  
Acting Assistant Regional Administrator  
Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance